



THE pull of a strange fascination took Bill Dale, city-bred but mountain-minded, to the Tennessee hills. Joining the Morelands, he took up their friendships and enmities. Love healed one feud, but there was coal under David Moreland's mountain, and a new feud was born.

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## HAPPINESS

By BEATRICE I. CAHILL.

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"It's terrible! Simply awful!" This ejaculation from the exasperated Mrs. Williamson as she waved her hands around in mid-air.

"Hub? What's wrong now?" grunted her husband as he slipped into his dinner coat, giving the collar that little unnecessary pat which always accompanies such a performance.

"Why, these hair nets," continued his spouse as she finally untangled the cobwebby substance between her fingers sufficiently to slip it over her marcelled locks; "the quality, the color, the size—they're all wrong!"

"The least of my worries, my dear. Why pick an uncomplaining husband to inflict such a tale of woe upon? My mind is occupied with troubles far greater than a hair net. I tell you, Nancy, if that big deal isn't pulled off next month my chance of getting the managership of the company's largest office is all off."

Mrs. Williamson gave an understanding nod. After a few moments' contemplation she turned to her husband and said: "Listen, George: Mr. Harkness is the one man who matters in this deal, isn't he?"

"Well, I earnestly believe that tonight will afford you a big chance. Mr. and Mrs. Harkness are going to be present at the Hills' dinner party. Do you understand the significance, dear? Now let's do our best. If you once get a chance for an uninterrupted conversation, it will be an easy matter."

Mr. Williamson considered the matter and smiled.

"I'm glad you told me that, Nan, because it will be a big asset. But you know these dinner parties—not much chance for a secluded conference."

"You wait, I just know that I can arrange it," and, slipping a silken scarf over her coiffure, the little wife gave her husband's arm an encouraging squeeze.

While driving through the mass of machines that thronged the avenue at this time a second thought occurred to her.

"Oh, George, I forgot to mention that Bob Harkness is taking Betty to the theater this evening. He seems quite interested in our pride and joy; don't you think so?"

For answer she received a short, dry laugh.

"That's a good one," chuckled the amused George. "Bob Harkness exerts all his youthful energy to fascinate my daughter, while I'm about to exert all my will power to interest his dad. It's a great life!"

At dinner fortune favored the couple by seating them near the coveted prize. Conversation ran smoothly and, fortified by an excellent dinner and a little of the last stray of vivacity, the men were in good humor. However, interruptions were bound to happen, and no chance occurred where they could indulge in a business arrangement.

Suddenly a strange thing happened. Mrs. Hill came into the room after a short absence and the look on her face halted all conversation. Spasmodically she announced that Vera had been sick all day and the doctor had just pronounced her very ill with a contagious disease. The house was quarantined for ten days.

It was the ninth day of their confinement and the guests were assembled about the fireplace. Fortunately, none of them had contracted the fatal disease, and as they talked, realizing that the next day they were to be released, they laughed over their odd and rather ridiculous positions. Every day the phone had been constantly in use, either with business communications, or with young daughters and some calling long enough to tease their parents with wild tales of their doings; although they really had flown to relatives on the night of the eventful mishap.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson seemed to be the happiest of the group. In the preceding days the men had stekened of social discourse and had talked business most of the time. Mr. Harkness became well acquainted with Mr. Williamson and the latter had taken advantage of his strange position to adroitly sketch the details of his "big deal" in a clever, concise way. He never rushed the matter, knowing that he had 10 days to get what he was going after. That morning, in the presence of the two wives, now great friends, a short brief had been drawn up by "Will" and signed by "Hark," as they affectionately termed each other now.

The group was just finishing an old melody that had been popular in their day when the phone rang.

It was Betty.  
"Oh, mother, I'm so excited, and will you please tell Mr. and Mrs. Harkness that Bob has been so good and kind and has tried to cheer me up so much in your absence that I just couldn't help falling in love with him, the dear, and we're engaged. Wait a minute, mummy, he wants to talk to you and his mother and dad."

After the animated conversation had finished the four victims of Fate looked at each other and laughed. Mr. Williamson shook his head with an amused chuckle and reiterated, "It's a great life!"

No More Cheap Tickets.  
Fifteen years ago it was possible to get a cheap ticket for a round-the-world trip for the sum of \$237.

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The common method of transportation in China is: "Two legs for short distances and four legs for long ones." Although railways and steamships are coming into service, camels and donkey trains are still frequently used.

## WHEN THE FAIR ONE SMILES

Not Infrequently There Are Reservations of Which Mere Man Is Entirely Unconscious.

A man smiles because he feels that way, but a woman, with instinctive cunning, smiles for various reasons, and many of them are deceptive, though she claims that she deceives only to be kind.

The smile with which she greets another woman is rather different from the smile that she bestows upon a movie actor, a soldier, a traffic officer, or a prospective husband.

She can smile the smile that you think is worth while. She can make her smile perfectly "nice" and yet, my boy, there may be certain reservations to that smile which, if you or any mere man could only know, would surprise you indeed!

When she is young and falls in love for the first time her smile is a song and a sonnet. When she is a widow and smiles the song is there, but it lurks in the background, as the disillusion of life has taught her the protective art of reservation. Sometimes a very clever woman sits very still and reviews life, especially her life, and smiles sadly. There is a pathos in that smile "too deep for tears," as the poet said.

The smile that she bestows upon the helpless mite of humanity, her first born, is a glorious poem. She may smile to deceive her rival, she may smile to encourage herself, her smile may be false to her lover, but when she smiles at her first born all the love of her heart and all the spiritual beauty of her soul goes into it, and the angels in heaven rejoice.

A woman with pretty teeth does not smile, she laughs; a woman with ugly teeth smiles carefully. There are women with dainty rosebud mouths, and when they smile at a man he forgets the high cost of living and extends an invitation to a movie.

How interesting it is to watch the smiling woman! How it flatters a man to have a woman smile at him—but if he knew she laughed at him afterward!—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Treasures of Lhasa for Sale

Some of the treasures which were saved when General Younghusband's expedition had to evacuate Lhasa and the Chinese looted the famous four Ling or monastic palaces, are to be sold at auction in London, an exchange states. These plaques are centuries old, studded with precious and semi-precious stones in elaborate design and of fine workmanship. The stones include opal, garnet, crystal, agate, amethyst, sardonyx, turquoise, jade, cornelian, sapphire and topaz. One plaque on a rough estimate shows more than 18,000 such pieces. The items include a marvelous brass four-foot model of a temple with terraces, domed tombs and many miniature figures of kings and deities, inlaid with precious stones and overlaid with a strange pattern composed of pairs after pair of human eyes supposed to be connected with some form of sun worship. There is a chapel containing three gems and an offering box studded with bosses of seven jewels supposed to be more than 1,000 years old.

## Dog Saves Master's Life.

An Irish terrier saved his master's life at Belmont Park, N. Y., a few days ago, says an exchange. Jock Scott, a fair sprinter but a savage at heart, was in ugly humor and viciously attacked his trainer when he went into the stall. He threw his trainer down, planted one foot on his body and tearing the clothes off his back sank his teeth in his shoulder. Three or four stable hands rushed for clubs or pitchforks to beat off the horse, but the Irish terrier waited for nothing. He flew at Jock Scott, grabbed him by the nose and shook it as he would shake a rat. The infuriated horse turned his attention to the dog long enough for the trainer to crawl painfully to safety. The trainer once owned a horse named Chief to which he was devoted. The Irish terrier was named in memory of the horse. The dog is now the trainer's dearest possession.

## Got First Prize.

Mary Ellen had been in kindergarten one week and was very much impressed by her teacher's ability. "My teacher," she boasted to the family, "can twist ribbons into a rope."

High school Thomas grinned. "My teacher," he mimicked his sister's proud tone, "can twist up her words into an enigma of English."

Twelve-year-old Mark was plainly stumped, for his pretty young teacher was just a beginner with lots of curls and dimples, but suddenly a smile came on his face. "My teacher," he chuckled, "can twist our principal (by the way a single man) around her finger into doing anything she wants him to."

And even father said that Mark deserved the first prize.

## Feminine Curiosity.

The marine camp at Quantico was visited on one occasion by a party of young girls from a Delaware town, friends of one of the officers of the post. The party exhibited much interest in everything pertaining to the routine of the camp.

"What do you mean by taps?" queried one of the young women.

"Taps is played every night on the bugle," answered the officer addressed. "It means 'lights out.' They play it over the bodies of dead soldiers."

A puzzled look overspread the questioner's pretty face. Then she asked: "What do you do if you haven't any dead soldiers?"—The Leatherneck.

## So Did Lots of Others!

Voting was a new thing to one North side matron, who, when asked whether her husband had voted, replied: "Yes, he was away from the city, so he used the 'absent-minded' vote."

## WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fink were host and hostess to about sixty friends and neighbors Friday evening. The evening was spent in playing progressive pedro. Ely Wolfe and Mrs. Sumner Barry won the first prizes while John Fink and Mrs. Hector Smith consoled themselves with the boobies.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockefeller were called to North Star Sunday to see their sister-in-law who is very sick.

Giles Isham spent last Tuesday night with his son near Pompeii.

The social at the brick school last Saturday evening was well attended and the boxes sold well. Proceeds were \$18.85.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis have moved into John Sullivan's farm, northwest of town, and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer of Alma have moved in the house they vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Combs will move on the farm vacated by Stanley Ball and while Leland Youngs and family will move on the farm vacated by Mr. Conner's and Mr. Vance of Pompeii will move on the farm vacated by Mrs. Youngs.

The Willing Worker Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Alton Wiley on March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crist and family of Alma spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Alton Wiley.

H. Eckert of Alma spent last Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Ely Wolff.

Martin Buckenberger of Toledo, O., was a caller at West Webb's last Tuesday.

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